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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Raji Josiam
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75202

Re: May 2017 Bi-Monthly Progress Report
US Oil Recovery (USOR) Superfund Site
Area of Investigation 1 (AOI-1), Pasadena, Texas

Dear Ms. Josiam:

Pursuant to Section IX, Paragraph 44 of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (Settlement Agreement) for the above-referenced Site, Pastor, Behling & Wheeler, LLC (PBW) has prepared this bi-monthly progress report on behalf of the Respondents named in the Settlement Agreement. In accordance with the Settlement Agreement requirements, this progress report addresses the topics listed below:

1. Actions which have been taken to comply with the Settlement Agreement during the preceding two-month period – During the preceding two-month period (March- April 2017), the Respondents performed additional work for the RI/FS in accordance with the RI/FS Work Plan, as follows:
 - Completion of statistical analysis of background soil sampling data and preparation of a draft background soil study memorandum that includes representative soil background values;
 - Preparation of Draft Work Plan Refinement/Modification Notice (WRN) AOI-1-5 (submitted to EPA on April 26, 2017), which includes proposed revised monitoring well locations, additional monitoring well locations, additional soil boring locations and additional soil samples for fate and transport parameters analyses; and
 - Preparation for Data Review Meeting 1 (see below).
2. Summary of quality-assured results of sampling, tests and all other quality-assured data received by Respondents during the preceding two-month period – No additional data were received by Respondents during the preceding two-month period, therefore, since the database has not been updated, the database is not included with this report.
3. Work planned for next two months with schedules relating such Work to the overall project schedule for RI/FS completion – The following work is planned for the next two months:
 - Data Review Meeting 1 was held on May 8, 2017, at the EPA office in Dallas, Texas with EPA, TCEQ, the PRP Group and Bayer Crop Sciences personnel. Data review included the current data set, with a focus on data pertinent to WRN AOI-1-4 and WRN AOI-1-5;

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- The field work related to WRN AOI-1-4 and WRN AOI-1-5 will be conducted, upon EPA acceptance of the WRNs; and
 - The Respondents will submit a draft background soil study memo to EPA and TCEQ for review.
4. Problems encountered, anticipated problems, actual or anticipated delays, and solutions developed and implemented to address any actual or anticipated problems or delays – No problems or delays were encountered during the preceding two-month period. No problems are anticipated.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this progress report. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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